

U3A MANUREWA NEWSLETTER

MONDAY 8th MAY MEETING

at 1.30pm

TO BE HELD At ACACIA COVE RETIREMENT VILLAGE LOUNGE
131 Wattle Farm Road Manurewa Auckland 2103



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Comprising 7/8 members who take on a variety of responsibilities

President	Bob Falconer		
Secretary	Maureen Abbott		
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Vice President	Heather Hine		
Membership Sec & Speaker Co-ordinator	Pat James		
Almoner	Pat James		
Network Rep	Bob Falconer		
Newsletter Sec	Doreen Lightfoot		
Refreshments Sharleen Bishop, Christine Bertram and Corrie Patterson			

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MAY 2023

Many years ago, I was told that Auckland had a dry season from January to June and a wet season from July to December. This year has been quite different, and it will take 12 to 24 months to see if there is a new annual weather pattern.

The Manurewa U3A in-box receives lots of junk mail, but items of interest I will pass on. Recently I forwarded a list of seminars from Age Concern, one of which was about funerals. Gaynor and I attended, and we both found it interesting and informative. One cold wet winters day we will plan our funerals so that our children know what we would like. I trust that you have all written your wills, enduring powers of attorney, and planned your funerals. On a brighter note, we are of the generation that has lived under three monarchs, and I trust that you will be watching the coronation, with a cup of tea, or may be a gin and tonic.

Our speaker for Monday has had to postpone, but Pat has been able to pull a rabbit (I mean another speaker) out of her magic hat, and so you can all look forward to an interesting talk.

Bob

President

TREASURER: (Gaynor) FEES AND HOW TO PAY

Please remember that fees can be paid by cash or internet banking to ASB #12-3028-0593307-00. If you wish to pay by cash, please ensure the notes are put into an envelope with your name on the outside.

Host Group:

<i>Roster for Host Groups</i>					
<i>Feb</i>	<i>Book Review</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>Movies Group</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Current Affairs</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>History & People</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Card and Board Games</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Music Apprec</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Current Affairs</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>Book Review</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>Christmas dinner</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Music Apprec</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>History & People</i>		

OUR MAY SPEAKER:

We will be welcoming back our friend, **Colleen Brown** this month. Colleen will be talking about her writing career which includes occasional pieces for the Listener. She will also tell us all about her recently published book, Violet's Scarf. We were treated to a preview of this book when Colleen was with us In August last year.

OUR APRIL SPEAKER was Ken Brewer.

Ken is English but has lived in New Zealand since 1973. He joined the NZ Police in the 'Robbie's Bobbies' in 1974 and served in South Auckland for 21 years. Ken gave us an interesting presentation on the history of the police force in NZ. Eg the Manurewa Christmas tree was named after a policeman, photos of police women's uniforms,

and they had to resign if they married. It was interesting to see how the Police Force has evolved over the decades. An interesting and informative talk on our Boys in Blue, or as sometimes is referred to as the Thin Blue Line.

Warwick extended thanks to Ken for an informative and interesting talk.

SHARE, SHOW, & TELL -

SHARE, SHOW, & TELL. Lots to talk about since we last met together!

Remember we only have 10 minutes to fit everyone in,

so, if there are 30 of us for example, that allows us about 20 seconds each to share our words of wisdom!!!

Not such a daunting task really!! Saying " I have nothing to share " would allow you to use those precious 30 seconds anyway. A win win situation either way!!! Warwick

GROUP REPORTS:



BOOK REVIEW Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month, 10am.

Convenor, Pat James

Next meeting will be on the 2nd of May.

BOOK REVIEW MARCH 2023

5 present and 4 apologies

WHATEVER NEXT – Lessons from an Unexpected Life by Anne Glenconner

The second biography by Anne Glenconner, Lady in Waiting to Princess Margaret. This book details the ups and downs of her marriage to Colin Tennant which was at times very violent. Now in her 90's, she has had a life rich in travel, friends and is versed in diplomacy and etiquette. **RATED: 3**

PS I LOVE YOU by Cecelia Ahern: our reader picked this up by accident and found it tedious. It tells the story of Holly and Gerry who were soulmates. Gerry dies but has written letters to Holly, each one has a task that will help Holly overcome her grief and learn to love again. **RATED: 2.5**

NEARLY OUT OF HEART AND HOPE by Miles Fairburn: this original and thought-provoking book is based on the 800,000 word diary of James Cox, an itinerant labourer living in New Zealand between 1880 and 1925. The diary is a rare record of the daily life of a member of the colonial working class. **RATED: 5**

THE ROMANTIC by William Boyd: this book blends fictionalised real-life events with a description of the social, political and romantic upheavals in Cashel Greville Ross's life. His restless, romantic nature send him from his birth in County Cork, Ireland in 1799 to Oxford, London, Brussels, Pisa and Zanzibar . Well written but a bit of a hefty read. **RATED: 4**

Next meeting will be on the 2nd of May.



CARD AND BOARD GAMES: meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at

1.30pm. Convenor: Val Marris

Next Meeting Date, 6th April and 4th May.

. Our group has met in March and April and both meetings were enjoyable.



CURRENT AFFAIRS: meetings are held on the 3rd Monday, at 2pm. At Jan and Warwick's place.

Convenors: Jan and Warwick May

Meeting Dates: next meeting 17th April and 18th May 2023.

20th March, report – Eight of us met. There is always room for more, so do come next time.

Topic discussed were: Free speech, weather, global oceans treaty, preferences, education and the Treaty, and the teachers' strike. All kept us talking happily and purposefully, especially

Preferences – which was about where we get our news from. We could have kept going for ages.

Next week the Monday after Easter 17th April and 18th May



HISTORY PEOPLE AND PLACES: are held on the 3rd Tues 1.30pm at Jeanette Cortesi's home.

Phone: Convenor Jeanette Cortesi and Tricia Jordan

Next Meeting 16th May.

No March meeting and details for April meeting to be advised later.



MUSIC APPRECIATION: meetings, are held on the 4th Friday of the month, 2 to 4pm at Simon and Pat James' place. Convenor: Simon James **The next meeting will be on the April 28th April and the 26th May.**

Music appreciation for March was cancelled due to prior engagements and then a meeting was held on 28th April.



MOVIES GROUP: dates and time depend on which movie is selected and then make your own way to the Hawkins Centre Papakura and meet there. Contact Heather Hine

March movies

Living- set in 1953 it is the story of an ordinary man, reduced by years of office routine to a shadow existence. Mr Williams, played by Bill Nighy, is a veteran civil servant, buried under paperwork at the office, and lonely at home. Then a medical diagnosis forces him to take stock, and try living while he can. After a couple of false starts, he sets about creating a legacy for the next generation. A great movie, and Bill Nighy was terrific in it.

The Whale- The story of a morbidly obese, reclusive English teacher, who attempts to reconnect with his estranged teenage daughter for one last chance at redemption. The whole movie takes place in his flat. This was not a comfortable story to watch, but it explained how he had come to this point in his life. Brendan Fraser had to wear a 300lb fat suit in the role, and it took 4 hours each day to put on all the prosthetics. He thoroughly deserved his Oscar.

MAY 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
1 ST	2 ND BOOK REVIEW 10AM	3 RD	4 TH BOARD & CARD GAMES 1.30PM	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH
8 TH MONDAY U3A GENERAL MEETING	9 TH	10 TH	11 TH	12 TH	13 TH	14 TH
15 TH CURRENT AFFAIRS 2PM	16 TH HISTORY PEOPLE & PLACES 1.30PM	17 TH	18 TH	19 TH	20 TH	21 ST
22 ND	23 RD	24 TH	25 TH	26 TH MUSIC APPREC	27 TH	28 ^H
29 TH	30 TH	31 ST				
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